

JAPS SHELL AGAIN.

Port Arthur Under Fire for Several Hours Yesterday.

ATTACK CEASED AT NOON.

Russians Admit No Serious Damage—Five Soldiers Killed.

Admiral Togo's Report Has Not Reached Tokyo—Newchwang Expects Attack Now as Ice There Is Breaking Up—Some Skirmishing in Northern Korea—Russian Patrols Keep in Touch With Japanese Advance Guard—Marquis Ito's Mission to Korea Very Successful—An Appeal in Behalf of Japanese Refugees.

Admiral Togo's fleet renewed the bombardment of Port Arthur yesterday. The attack was kept up for several hours, but the Russian reports give no indication that it had much effect. It is admitted that many shells fell into the town and that five soldiers were killed. It is declared that one Japanese ship was hit and had to withdraw. The whole fleet sailed away at noon. Nothing is said of a landing of Japanese troops such as was rumored from Tokyo on Monday. Admiral Togo's report of recent operations has not been received at the Japanese capital.

The ice at Newchwang is rapidly breaking up, and a Japanese attack is expected there.

Russian patrols are in touch with the Japanese at Anju in western Korea and at other points across the country to the east coast. The large force of Russians is reported at the Yalu. There is constant skirmishing between the outposts.

AGAIN BOMBARD PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Renewed the Attack Yesterday—Russians Admit Five Killed.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The Japanese fleet reapproached Port Arthur at midnight last night, and after preliminary operations again bombarded the place. The Russian ships and forts replied, the cannonading lasting several hours. The Japanese finally withdrew.

Under date of to-day Admiral Alexieff telegraphed from Mukden to the Czar as follows:

"At midnight, March 21, Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guardships and forts opened on them. The firing continued twenty minutes. At 4 A. M. the attack was renewed."

"At 6:30 o'clock four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by a whole squadron of eleven ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron led the torpedo boats to meet them. At 9 o'clock the Japanese battleships opened on Liaotashan. Later they took a position behind Liaotashan's rocky height and bombarded Port Arthur. Details have not yet been received."

A later despatch furnishes the following particulars, which Admiral Alexieff received from Gen. Stoessel, commanding at Port Arthur.

The Japanese fleet comprised six battleships and twelve cruisers. These divided about 9 o'clock, the battleships and torpedo boats taking positions between Liaotashan and Pigeon Bay, while the cruisers in two groups were south and southeast of Port Arthur.

At 9:20 o'clock the Russian battleship Retzian opened fire over the crest of Liaotashan on the Japanese battleships, which replied, bombarding the town. Meanwhile the Russian fleet formed in line in the outer roadstead.

The cannonade slackened about 11 o'clock, and the Japanese fleet, reuniting slowly, returned to the southeastward, finally disappearing at 12:30 o'clock.

The Russians had five soldiers killed and ten wounded. The fleet sustained no casualties. Admiral Makaroff was on board the Akadok. The Japanese fired a hundred shells into the town and suburbs. The Russians hit a Japanese warship, which was compelled to retire.

TOGO'S REPORT NOT RECEIVED.

TOKYO, March 22.—Nothing has been heard regarding yesterday's rumored capture of Port Arthur, but it is known that the place was again bombarded at the beginning of the week. The Government, however, has made no announcement of it. Doubtless Admiral Togo's report has not been received yet.

ALSO BOMBARD LAST THURSDAY?

LONDON, March 23.—The only particulars of the seventh attack on Port Arthur are those contained in Admiral Alexieff's despatch to the Czar. Nothing more has been heard of yesterday's rumors of a combined land and sea assault, resulting in the capture of the place.

The Newchwang correspondent of the Chronicle reports that there was a bombardment on March 17, which lasted four hours. He says that two Russian guns were dismantled and fifty persons were killed.

A despatch to the Times from Shanghai says that private telegrams received by Chinese officials at Shanghai

WILL SEE ROOSEVELT'S CARDS.

Ohio Convention Put Off to Find Out How He Treats Foraker.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 22.—At its meeting at the Neil House to-day, the Republican State central committee unexpectedly changed the programme outlined a week ago and voted to have the State convention on May 17 and 18, instead of May 3 and 4 as at first planned. The sudden shift has the endorsement of Gov. Herrick, Senator Dick, George B. Cox and the lesser lights of the State organization.

This change is full of political significance. The State central committee is a Herrick-Dick organization. The putting off of the State convention to the last possible moment means that the Herrick-Dick organization in Ohio is playing for time in order to see what President Roosevelt and Senator Foraker are going to do in Ohio politics.

The followers of the late Senator Hanna want sufficient time to elapse before the State convention meets in order to allow President Roosevelt to adopt a definite attitude relative to Federal office appointments in Ohio. The organization wants to learn if the President is to recognize Foraker as the representative of the dominant organization in Ohio and to dole out all the patronage to him.

If the factional fight continues, Foraker may be kept off "the big four." A few radicals are advocating that delegates be uninstructed for Roosevelt, but such action by the convention is impossible.

Gov. Herrick was named as temporary chairman and John R. Malley as secretary. Delegates are to be chosen to the convention by the ordinary ways except by county committee appointment and must be chosen not later than May 14. The apportionment for delegates is one to every 500 votes cast for Myron T. Herrick.

MARQUON ON ELLIS ISLAND.

Fox So Thick the Ferryboat Couldn't Bring Day Workers Back.

The bay and harbor were covered last night with a thick blanket of mist which put all the ferryboats schedules away out of kilter. The Ellis Island ferryboat John G. Carls, which makes a regular trip to the island at 7:31 in the evening to get the day employees who live in Manhattan, didn't leave the barge office last night until 11 o'clock.

At that time the fog had lifted somewhat, but even then the pilot of the ferryboat wouldn't have ventured out but for the fact that frequent appeals kept coming in over the telephone from the stranded ones on the island, while the dozen or fifteen workers who go over to do the night shift at the Immigration Bureau were making life sad for those in charge of the Carls with their grumbling at having to wait.

It took the Carls more than half an hour to land at the island, and after she got there, it was decided to tie her up for the night and let the day employees bunk on the island.

ATE AT WALDORF, WOULDN'T PAY.

Mrs. Jack's \$2.05 Dinner Will Cost Her \$5 or Five Days.

Ginsella Jack—she insisted that was her name—who admits to being 35 years old and gave her residence as 205 East Fifteenth street, ordered a \$2.05 dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday. Mrs. Jack enjoyed her meal and then informed the waiter that she had no money. However, she told House Detective Joseph E. Smith, who was called in, that she would pay him if he accompanied her home. He did so, but there was no money forthcoming, so he secured a warrant from Magistrate May and took the woman to the Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon.

"Why did you do this?" demanded the Magistrate.

"I had to eat somewhere," she replied.

Mrs. Jack said that she was a Roumanian, wore a bright blue hat, a mauve waist, violet strings around her neck, a dark red collar, white gloves with the fingers cut out, a black veil and a saffron skirt.

She said that she was at various times a member of the French opera company recently disbanded, a cook at Castle Square, and an operative singer in Roumania.

She had no money with which to pay the \$5 fine, so she was locked up.

TWO MAYORS BUSY.

Mayor McClellan Uptown and Acting Mayor Fornes Downtown.

While Mayor McClellan staid at home yesterday to nurse his cold, he sent several communications to the Aldermen at the same time President Fornes of the Aldermen, as Acting Mayor, was signing bond certificates.

Mayor McClellan vetoed the resolution permitting Fire Commissioner Hayes to buy two automobiles at \$4,000 each without public bidding. He also vetoed the resolution permitting the Harlem Transfer Company to lay a short line of railroad tracks in The Bronx to connect its receiving stations. The Mayor said that such a permit ought not be granted until compensation for the grant had been fixed by the Board of Estimate.

BROTHER ARRESTS SISTER.

Who Says She Is His Partner—Charge Made Is Theft.

Mrs. Mary Mason, a widow, who says she has been in partnership with her brother, Daniel J. McVeigh, in a butcher store at 589 Tenth avenue, was locked up in the West Forty-seventh street station last night on the complaint of her brother. McVeigh alleges that she stole \$300 from him last Saturday and disappeared. She was found in the Grand Union Hotel with her ten-year-old daughter. She had registered as Mrs. Sullivan.

She said that the money belonged to her as much as to her brother.

SHOT PLAYING BURGLAR.

Little Irving Hunter While Dying Pleads for Boy Who Shot Him.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., March 22.—Irving Hunter, 7 years old, is dying in Mount Vernon Hospital to-night from a bullet wound in his abdomen which was inflicted by Theophile Dequellin, 13 years old, son of a resident of South Seventh avenue, Mount Vernon, while they were playing burglars in the Dequellin home to-day.

At the hospital Hunter said to Coroner Weisendanger:

"Don't blame Theophile; it was all an accident. He didn't intend to shoot me."

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BLAMED FOR HOTEL COLLAPSE.

CORONER'S JURY NAMES POLE, SCHWANDTNER AND ALLISON.

Criminally Negligent, the Verdict in the Darlington Case—Warrants Out for Their Arrest—Recommendations for More Stringent Building Laws.

The Coroner's jury which had been holding an inquest into the collapse of the Darlington Hotel brought in a verdict at 12:30 o'clock this morning, holding Eugene E. Allison, the head of the Allison Realty Company, which owned the building, and Pole & Schwandtner, the iron contractors, guilty of criminal negligence. Coroner Scholer immediately issued three warrants, which were turned over to two policemen of the East Fifty-first street station.

The collapse was due, the jury found, to defective designing, a total absence of competent engineering and the employment of inexperienced contractors.

Several recommendations are made by the jury and they will carry some weight because of the fact that the jury was composed of well known experts in iron construction, builders and architects. The verdict is as follows:

"We find that the collapse was due to defective designing, a total absence of competent supervision and the employment of inexperienced contractors."

"We further find that Eugene E. Allison and the firm of Pole & Schwandtner were grossly criminally negligent in the methods adopted and followed by them in the erection of said building."

"We recommend that the practice of the erection of buildings without the supervision of the original architect or a competent builder of at least five years' experience be prohibited by law."

"We further recommend that the Building Department of the city of New York have a corps of competent engineers to inspect the erection of all buildings requiring engineering skill, and that a copy of the approved plans of each building be kept on the premises during construction."

After the verdict had been returned, Foreman Conover announced that four of the jurymen, A. S. Macgregor, Durand von Hoffman, August Windolph and Richard Duves, had concurred in this additional recommendation:

"That all architects, engineers and contractors engaged in the structural work of all buildings in the city of New York be experienced in their several lines and be licensed by law."

The jury came in a few minutes before the verdict was brought in to ask whether it would be possible to find against a company and also against the individuals in the company. The Coroner told them that they could find against a company, but that it was a much more difficult matter to prove anything criminally against a company than against an individual.

The jury was out four hours. The taking of testimony ended at 6 o'clock and after supper the jury retired.

H. de Berkeley Parsons, the engineering expert employed by District Attorney Jerome, was the chief witness yesterday. He said that the collapse was the result of carelessness and neglect and that no amount of bracing or propping could have prevented it.

"If the building had been overloaded," Mr. Parsons testified, "the material causing the overload would have crashed through the first section of flooring it met, and if the building were well put together the flooring would hold. The break occurred between the third and fourth floors, and the upper stories all toppled in toward the center."

"Did you find in the ruins any evidence of precautions against what occurred?" asked Mr. Tron.

"No," answered Mr. Parsons; "I found no evidences of special precautions for wind resistance or braces."

Asked to tell what in his opinion was the primary reason for the collapse, the witness said:

"The primary cause was carelessness and neglect in erecting the building, the columns lateral support and thereby exceeding the limits of safety. Lack of intelligent supervision also was a cause. The construction was so inferior that nothing could have prevented the disaster."

"The danger must have been obvious to a competent engineer, and were it not for the houses surrounding and lending support the building would have collapsed sooner."

Mr. Parsons also testified that the wind or any vibratory influence might have been the immediate cause for the collapse.

"The fact that the building was out of plumb," he continued, "showed that the floors were loosely connected and subject to any vibration. This loose connection was due to using three-quarter inch bolts in seven-eighths of an inch holes."

Mr. Parsons showed a diagram of a building which greatly interested the jury. The diagram was made of leather squares divided into sections representing the floors of a building. By pulling out a thumb tack in the center a sagging began. In this way the witness explained his theory of the break occurring on the third or fourth floor.

PEACE IN DR. MORGAN'S CHAIR.

The Striking Sopranos to Get Full Pay—Choirmaster Out.

The Heavenly Rest choir boys having furled their flag of truce and informed the Rev. Dr. D. Parker Morgan that it was once more fifty cents or no hymns, a meeting of both sides was held in the practice room yesterday afternoon and an effort made to settle the disturbances.

Dr. Morgan was scheduled to speak but was detained by a funeral service. His curate, the Rev. John Williams, represented him and announced that the boys would get their fifty cents, rain or shine, at the two remaining extra services.

Choirmaster Duncan it was announced later, has resigned his place at the church. Christopher Marks of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, will take charge of the strenuous soprano of Heavenly Rest.

ACCIDENT MAKES HIM A BOY.

Blow on the Head Sets a Man's Mind Back Many Years.

WILKESBARRE, March 22.—Edward Smith of Nichol, Bradford county, was felling trees last week when a branch struck his head, inflicting a deep gash. He was unconscious for some time. When he regained his senses he was a boy again in mind.

He now wants to play the same games he played as a youngster and do the same chores. Aside from the wound on his head, which is healing, he is in good physical health. He is of middle age.

CALL TO COLORADO TROOPS.

Entire State Guard Ordered Under Arms for Instant Service.

DENVER, Col., March 22.—Gov. Peabody to-day ordered the entire National Guard of the State to be in readiness for instant service, and the force, numbering about 8,000 men, assembled at the various armories ready to respond to a call.

The Governor and his advisers are reticent as to where troops will be sent, but it is known that the Sheriff of Las Animas county, in the southern coal district, has asked for troops, and it is believed that a detachment will be sent to Telluride.

Three hundred men will be sent to Trinidad to-night and to-morrow and more if needed.

ACCUSED OF TAKING \$100,000.

Warrant Out for Riverside, Cal., Bank Cashier—Run on the Bank.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., March 22.—A warrant charging the embezzlement of over \$100,000 from the Orange Growers' National Bank of Riverside has been issued for the arrest of H. T. Hays, the former cashier of the bank, and one of the most influential men in this county. The warrant was sworn out late last night by directors of the bank, but Hays has not been caught.

Hays was formerly purchasing agent here of the Salt Lake Railroad, but lost his place when the sensational exposures of several months ago were made. It was then shown that the road had been swindled out of many thousands of dollars in land purchases in this county. At the same time Hays resigned as cashier of the bank.

The bank examiner then began an investigation, and shortages were soon discovered. Hays covered several of these, but more were found, and finally it was decided to arrest him, but he learned of this and fled.

To-day there was a heavy run on the bank due to the announcement of the defalcation. The bank closed its doors after \$80,000 had been paid out.

BUFFALO BILLS DIVORCE.

He'll Be Abroad, He Says, When the Case Comes Up.

DENVER, March 22.—"Buffalo Bill" Cody, who will leave Denver to-morrow for New York, when interviewed to-day said:

"My suit for divorce the public know and as much about as they will get from me. I have begun the action. The courts will finish it. I have absolutely nothing to say in the premises. I would not say a word against any woman in the world, and much less would I say a word about my wife."

"I shall be in England when the case is called. I do not know when the court convenes, but the Judges will set a time for the disposition of the matter and the case will be tried in my absence. Notwithstanding the opinion of outsiders, I shall not be present."

LOCOMOTIVES "SIDE WIPED."

Forced Each Other Off the Rails in Erie Railroad Yard.

Two locomotives attached to passenger trains running slowly in opposite directions "side wiped" about fifty yards west of the Erie depot in Jersey City yesterday afternoon and forced each other off the rails. The accident, according to the railroad officials, was caused by a misunderstanding of orders.

One locomotive started to make a crossover at a point called the neck as the other train, filled with passengers, was moving straight ahead. The locomotives came together at the angle and pushed each other off the rails. The wheels rolled over the ties and wrecked an interlocking switch.

None of the cars left the track and nobody was hurt. Outgoing trains were delayed for about half an hour in consequence of the disarrangement of the mechanism of the interlocking switch.

Train 3, for Chicago, which was standing in the train shed on the blocked track, was bottled up until the derailed locomotives were put back. The express finally got away two hours late. The locomotives were only slightly damaged.

NO BIG SHIPS IN WAR GAMES.

Too Dangerous Work for the Costly Battleships and Armored Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Navy Department has decided that the North Atlantic battleship squadron and the large cruisers on this side shall not take part in joint war games with the army in the coming summer. If any war games are to take place the navy will probably furnish some small gunboats and tubs to operate against the coast defenses.

In the opinion of the naval authorities these games involve too great risk to costly warships without any corresponding benefit to the navy. It is held that the army will learn just as much if guns and gunboats are used in the exercises. A crowd of persons attracted by the women's wreck instead of several million dollars as it would be if a battleship went down or on the rocks.

During last year's war games the Massachusetts and the Olympia got big holes knocked in their bottoms, and the year before the Brooklyn struck an uncharted rock while leaving New Bedford harbor after an attack on that place. All three vessels were laid up for several months.

NARROWEST OF LOTS PURCHASED.

40 Feet Long and 7-8 Inch Wide—At the Rate of \$1,029,000 for a Bronx Lot.

Small deals and scant brokerage commissions have been the rule in the real estate market for more than a year. A transaction put through yesterday established a new record, however, which will probably not be broken for a while.

Frederick M. Mellert, a builder, bought through the office of James L. Libby a strip of land in The Bronx seven-eighths of an inch wide by forty feet long. It cost him \$50.

The regular brokerage commission on sales of city property is a per cent. of the purchase price. Fortunately for the broker in the present deal, \$25 is established by custom as the minimum commission.

Mr. Mellert recently bought for improvement a plot on Prospect avenue, Fairmount avenue and 170th street. On having plans drawn for the proposed building operation it was discovered that his purchase had not included a diminutive strip along the Fairmount avenue side of the plot. It was figured yesterday afternoon that the price paid for this strip was at the rate of \$1,029,000 for a full city lot.

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SANTOS-DUMONT PURSUING.

MISS SPRECKELS SAILED FOR FRANCE AND HE DIDN'T KNOW.

He Takes the Next Fast Boat and Turns His Back on St. Louis and the Circumambient Air Thereof—Spreckels Are Said to Oppose His Wooing.

Santos-Dumont, the aviator, who has boasted that he is going to build an airship to cross the ocean in two days, was probably sorry that he did not have her in commission when he heard of the departure from this port on Tuesday, March 15, aboard the swift North German Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II., of Miss Lurline Spreckels, daughter of Claus A. Spreckels of the Federal Sugar Company.

The young woman was accompanied by her mother, and it is said that the object of Mrs. Spreckels in going away was to prevent her daughter from meeting the fervid young Brazilian.

The next swiftest thing to a sixty-two knot airship that is still in the air is the Kronprinz Wilhelm of the North German Lloyd Line, which sailed yesterday for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen. She can make about twenty-three knots in pleasant weather. Mr. Dumont decided, after fretting all the week at the Waldorf, that he would have to get aboard the sluggish twenty-three-knotter. He did not tell anybody about it around the hotel, and he had his name kept off the liner's passenger list. But it did not take the hotel folks a long time to find out that the Dumont baggage was marked "Kronprinz Wilhelm," and that is where it was taken by the baggage man just before Mr. Dumont settled his bill and left the hotel.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived in Bremen yesterday, touching at Cherbourg the day before. Mrs. Spreckels and her daughter disembarked at Cherbourg, and it is supposed went to their residence in Paris. Mr. Dumont also will get off at Cherbourg, probably next Monday.

When he arrived here recently Mr. Dumont declared that he intended to stay until he had got his airship ready to knock the hot air out of all competitors and carry away first prize at the St. Louis exposition. But love laughs at airships, and Mr. Dumont apparently gave up all thought of them when he hurried away for Cherbourg.

Miss Spreckels and the other clever have known each other about five years. The father and mother of Miss Spreckels were not adverse to his attentions to her, it is said, until about two years ago, when Mr. Spreckels forbade the young man, then in Paris. After that the young folks met frequently at social gatherings in Paris, and appeared to be on the same familiar terms as before the parental interdiction. When the Spreckels came to New York Mr. Dumont followed. The Brazilian and the young woman are both rich, and some of their friends say it is a case of love on both sides.

EX-GOV. TAYLOR SUE'D.

Wife of Tennessee's Former Executive Seeks Divorce.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 22.—Mrs. Alice Fitts Hill Taylor of Tusculoo, Ala., to-day filed a bill for divorce against ex-Gov. Robert L. Taylor, to whom she was wedded at Tusculoo on Sept. 23, 1901.

The announcement will make a sensation in Tennessee and Alabama, and in many other States where Gov. Taylor is generally known as a lecturer. Thrice Governor of Tennessee, he is now regarded as the popular choice for the United States Senate.

Mrs. Taylor was a widow at the time of their marriage, and has several sons by her first marriage. Gov. Taylor was a widower, and has five children by his first wife. Mrs. Hill is a daughter of the Hon. James H. Fitts, a prominent banker of Montgomery and Treasurer of the State University. In her bill for divorce Mrs. Taylor charges that Gov. Taylor has abandoned her and turned her out of doors without just excuse, and has neglected to provide for her. She says that she sought by letters to get him to resume his marriage relations, but he has refused. The separation occurred last October, after Gov. Taylor started on his lecture tour.

The trouble is thought to be due to friction among the Taylor and Hill children.

CANED HIS WIFE IN PUBLIC.

Remarkable Scene in Atlanta's Fashionable Thoroughfare.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22.—Using a cane, W. H. McDonough of Chicago, Southern travelling representative of the American Hotel Supply Company, cruelly beat his wife, a beautiful woman, this afternoon, in a carriage while driving along Peachtree street, Atlanta's fashionable thoroughfare. He choked her and struck her several times, inflicting painful bruises. The woman called to the negro driver for help, but he was afraid to interfere. A crowd of persons attracted by the woman's cries surrounded the carriage and dragged McDonough out.

It was with difficulty that the cooler heads in the crowd kept McDonough from bodily injury. His wife at once began to plead for him, but the gentlemen who had interfered in her behalf insisted on accompanying the carriage to the Piedmont Hotel, where the couple were guests. An officer was called and McDonough was then arrested.

At the police headquarters a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct was entered against him and a bond of \$250 was required for his liberty. This McDonough put up in cash. His wife all the while pleaded that he be not prosecuted, but McDonough will be forced to answer the charge in court this afternoon.

JAIL RIGHTS OF BROOKLYN.

Now What Alderman Downing Meant Was—Oh, It's Clear Enough.

"Brooklyn ought to have a good jail. Brooklyn has a population of over a million, and we ought to have a jail sufficiently large to accommodate that big population." Alderman Downing delivered this sentiment yesterday while arguing for a resolution to spend \$20,000 to repair Raymond Street Jail. In the laughter that followed Alderman Ware said that he was sorry the lid was off in Brooklyn to that extent.

Mr. Downing tried to explain that what he meant to say was—bro in the merit he was not able to make himself heard.

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TRY TO BLOW UP UNIVERSITY.

Russian Students Seek Revenge for Being Expelled.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. KIEFF, March 22.—An attempt was made last Friday to blow up the Odessa University. Two bombs exploded, breaking down an inside wall and shaking the quadrangle. Nine other bombs were discovered, the fuses of which had failed to act.

It is believed that the attempt was made to revenge the recent wholesale expulsion and arrests of students. Two students have been arrested on suspicion.

AMEER POISONED?

Rumored Fate of the Ruler of Afghanistan.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—A despatch from Aankabad says it is rumored that the Ameer of Afghanistan has been poisoned.

STATE WATER SUPPLY BILL.

Gov. Odell's Scheme for a Hudson River Valley Aqueduct Commission.

ALBANY, March 22.—Gov. Odell has in mind the passage of a bill by the present Legislature providing for the establishment of a State Water Supply Commission. The Governor's idea is to tap the pure water streams in the Hudson Valley, and if they are not sufficient to go up into Lake George and into the Adirondacks to secure water supplies for municipalities along the route to New York city, the aqueduct to be constructed under State auspices in the same manner that New York city furnished money for the construction of the underground railway by the Belmont syndicate.

The cities along the route of the aqueduct will repay the State for the water supplies furnished.

AU SABLE RIVER TURNED RED.

Followed an Earthquake Shock—Dye From a Mill Caused It.

KESSEVILLE, N. Y., March 22.—The people of this town were astonished yesterday to find the Au Sable River running the color of blood. The earthquake disturbance experienced earlier in the morning startled them, but to find the river turned red shocked them, especially as the town gets its water supply from it.

The phenomenon was explained later when it was learned that a pulp mill recently received an order for several tons of red paper and that the dye had been dumped into the river with the other refuse. Au Sable Chasm, apparently not content with its natural beauty, is decorating its precipitous walls now with the various colors that emanate from the pulp and paper mill.

FIRE ATOP THE FLOOD.

300 Families Homeless at South Beloit, Wis.—Big Gas Engine Plant Wrecked.

MILWAUKEE, March 22